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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Masahiko Sato, et al.
Serial No. : 10/047,502
Filed : November 13, 2001
For : INFORMATION RECORDING APPARATUS AND FEE
CHARGING METHOD THEREOF
Examiner : Shang, Annan Q.
Art Unit : 2617

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Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.
☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below.
☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

| (1) | (2) Claims remaining after amendment | (3) | (4) Highest number previously paid for | (5) Present extra | (6) Rate | (7) Additional Fee |
|---|--|-------|--|----------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| Total claims | 34 | Minus | ** = 36 | * 0 x | \$50 (25) | = \$ 0 |
| Independent claims | 5 | Minus | *** = 4 | * 1 x | \$200 (100) | = \$ 200.00 |
| Total additional fee for this amendment | | | | | | \$ 200.00 |

- * If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.
** If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.
*** If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

- ☐ This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$300 (150) has been previously paid ☐, or is paid herewith ☐.
- ☐ This response is being filed within the ___ month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a ___ month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$200.00 is attached, which covers the cost of ☒ additional claims ☐ petition for extension of time.
- ☐ Charge \$ ___ to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.
- ☒ Please charge any additional fees incurred by reason of this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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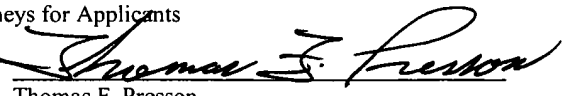
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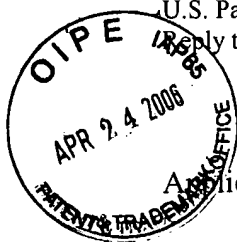
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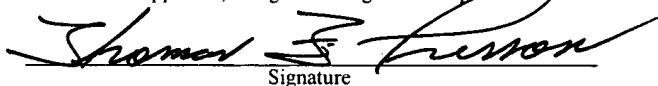
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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.121

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed on February 9, 2006, having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on May 9, 2006, please amend the above-captioned application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.